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(SBU) On 24 April 2008, POLOFF delivered ref demarche to Mr. Samir Repishti in the Office of Multilateral Affairs at the Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Repishti appreciated the work of the EBRD in Albania, and had not received other information concerning Turkey's request to change status to a country of operation within the EBRD. Mr. Repishti will ensure all the relevant offices within the Albanian government are aware of the U.S. position and will advise accordingly. CRISTINA